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3 March 1955

The Honorable John L. McClellan
Chairman
Committee on Government Operations
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Senator McClellan:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated 25 February 1955 in which you request ~~certain~~ information regarding expenditures for equipment suitable for use in wire tapping. ~~and which is used or intended for use in the United States or for its possessions.~~
~~Inasmuch as the National Security Act of 1947, Public Law No. 253, Section 102(d), provides "that the Agency shall have no police, subpoena, law enforcement powers, or internal security functions," any funds expended by this Agency for equipment of the nature is for use in the training of selected operational personnel in the principles of technical surveillance in preparation for their overseas intelligence assignments.~~

Accordingly, ~~the~~ ^{during the period in question} Central Intelligence Agency has not ^{extended} and does not anticipate the expenditure of funds for the purchase and maintenance of ^{such} ~~wire tapping~~ equipment ^{which is} ~~used or intended for use in the United States or its possessions~~ ^{in wire tapping} during the period in question.

Sincerely,


L. K. White
Deputy Director